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SUBJ: ZAMBIA PRESIDENT VISITS PAKISTAN

1. ON HIS WAY HOME FROM VISIT TO PEKING, ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KENNETH KUANDA PAID SHORT STATE VISIT TO PAKISTAN MARCH 2-3. AFTER ARRIVAL CEREMONY AT ISLAMABAD MORNING MARCH 2, KUANDA MET WITH PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO AND SENIOR PAK OFFICIALS FOR TWO HOURS OF TALKS WHICH, ACCORDING TO PRESS, TOUCHED ON THE ENERGY CRISIS, ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT AND AFRICAN FREEDOM MOVEMENTS.

2. AT STATE DINNER SAME EVENING BHUTTO SPOKE OUT STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF THIRD WORLD STRUGGLES, CHARGING THAT DEVELOPED NATIONS HAD PROSPERED THROUGH EXPLOITATION OF LDC'S BUT THAT ECONOMIC BALANCE WAS NOW UNDERGOING CHANGE. "TODAY IN THE SO-CALLED MOTHER OF DEMOCRACY, THEY ARE FACING POLITICAL CHAOS AND TURMOIL. THE NORMS OF TRANQUILITY AND STABILITY EXISTED ON OUR TROUBLES AND ON OUR PAINS AND ANGUISHES." KUANDA REPLIED EXTEMPORANEOUSLY, PRAISING BHUTTO'S LEADERSHIP,

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AND SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO DAY WHEN PAKISTAN

WOULD TAKE ITS "RIGHTFUL PLACE" AMONG NON-ALIGNED GROUP.

3. HIGHLIGHTS OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED MARCH 3 INCLUDED STATEMENT OF KAUNDA'S APPRECIATION FOR WORK OF PAKISTANI PROFESSIONALS IN ZAMBIA AND TRAINING FACILITIES OFFERED ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS IN PAKISTAN, ENDORSEMENT OF LAHORE SUMMIT DECLARATION ON MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, SUPPORT FOR PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND GUINEA-BISSAU, ZAMBIAN APPRECIATION FOR PAKISTAN'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO PEACE ON THE SUBCONTINENT, SUPPORT FOR ALL COUNTRIES' "RIGHT TO PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY AND FULL CONTROL OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES", AND AGREEMENT TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THIRD WORLD INTERESTS IN FORTHCOMING UNGA SPECIAL SESSION.

COMMENT: THIS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN LARGELY PRO-FORMA VISIT APPENDED TO KAUNDA'S TRIP TO CHINA. EVEN SO, IT WAS REMINDER OF MODEST BUT APPRECIABLE POSITION STAKED OUT BY PAKISTAN IN AFRICAN STATES BY PROVIDING SKILLED PERSONNEL AND TRAINING FACILITIES. BHUTTO'S CRITICISM OF EXPLOITATION BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HARSHER THAN USUAL, PRESUMABLY REFLECTING AFTERGLOW OF ISLAMIC SUMMITRY. KAUNDA'S COMMENTS ON PAKISTAN'S "RIGHTFUL PLACE" AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED MUST HAVE BEEN WELCOMED BY BHUTTO, WHO COVETS A ROLE AS LEADING THIRD WORLD SPOKESMAN.
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